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Dear Examiner Gonzalez,

As we discussed in our telephone conversation of February 20, 2003, attached hereto are the proposed claim amendments addressing the 35 USC §112, first and second paragraph, rejections.

Please review these claim amendments in preparation for our upcoming telephonic interview scheduled for 11:00 AM February 25, 2003.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures: Proposed Claim Amendments